Vacancies in the health sector

869. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are at least 2,000 vacant jobs in Government hospitals in various places in the country including Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for such vacant posts in Government hospitals;

(c) how long these posts are laying vacant;

(d) whether Government is seriously considering to fill up these posts; and

(e) if so, by when Government is likely to fill up all the posts in the Government hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Health is a State subject. The data about vacant job in Government Hospitals in various places in the country is not maintained centrally.

So far as Central Health Service is concerned, there are about 53 posts vacant in Central Government Hospitals in Delhi. Bulk of the vacant posts however belong to the super specialities and some of these are for reserved for SCs/STs etc.

(d) and (e) Requisitions have been sent to the Union Public Service Commission to fill up vacant posts of doctors on regular basis. Appointments are also being made on contract basis to fill up the existing vacancies.

Basic healthcare to children

870. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a US based charity, more than 200 million children worldwide under age five do not get basic healthcare, leading to nearly 10 million deaths annually from treatable ailments like diarrhoea and pneumonia;

(b) if so, whether according to the report, in Asia, large disparities also exist in India and Indonesia;

(c) if so, the other main points mentioned in the report against India; and

(d) the steps being considered in view of this report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) According to Save the Children, a US based organization, which released State of the World's Mothers Report 2008, more than 200 million children worldwide under age five do not get basic health care, leading to nearly 10 million deaths annually from treatable ailments like diarrhoea and pneumonia.

(b) According to the report, large disparities exist in India and Indonesia.

(c) The report mentions that 53% of under five olds do not have any access to health care.